

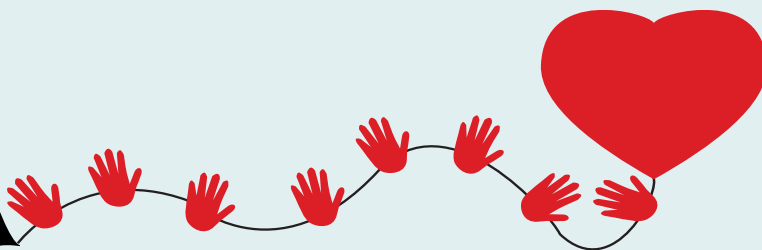


Maricopa County CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocate Program Newsletter

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New recruitment effort, latest CASA numbers and more FYIs

Our CASA recruitment plan for this coming fiscal year includes a male recruitment project. As of May 1, we had 42 male volunteers, approximately 15 percent of the total number of our volunteers. Our goal is to double the amount of male CASAs, which we believe is achievable. It would be advantageous to have a more balanced ratio of male and female volunteers.

Males represent half of our population, but oftentimes, they are not found among social service agency organizations. Why is that? Certainly, our youth would benefit greatly from seeing appropriate male role models.

During the first quarter, we will be sponsoring special male Each One, Reach One events asking our male volunteers to invite an acquaintance, co-worker or friend to listen to a CASA presentation. Word of mouth has always been a successful recruiting tool.

Our first scheduled event will be at the Diamondbacks Ballpark on July 26. We will hold the presentation beforehand at the Hyatt and the game tickets will be given out at that time. Our office will mail individual invitations to our male volunteers in anticipation of the volunteer bringing a CASA recruit. There are 50 tickets available, therefore the invitation will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Other Each One, Reach One events to follow include presentations given at both court locations with judicial participation in August, and at a golf clubhouse in September. We encourage the male CASAs out there to become involved in this project. We appreciate all you do on behalf of the children you serve, whether you are a male or female. Thank you.

Fiscal Year Statistics

June 30 brings with it the end of the 2003 fiscal year.

The CASA office holds a yearly Strategic Planning meeting every July to

CASA Stats

4th Quarter 4th Quarter
FY 2002 FY 2003

Active CASAs	171	217
Children in active cases	315	416
Inactive CASAs	52	39
Court reports	82	100
Hours served	2,253	3,253
CASAs sending logs	97	140

set goals for the program in accordance with the Recruitment and Retention plan submitted to the State CASA Program for the next fiscal year. You have recently heard of some of these plans from LaDonna Benner, our recruiter. As we look forward to planning and preparation for the coming fiscal year, we also review what the program has accomplished during the past four quarters. We thought it would be a good time to give all of you a picture of what the CASA Program "looks like" in Maricopa County and celebrate the successes that we've seen.

The Maricopa county program has seen a 25 percent increase in the number of active CASAs during the past fiscal year. This is something to be very proud of, and we thank you all for your efforts, and for spreading the CASA word!

Your help has been phenomenal!

FYIs: Court Reports

Through on-going discussion and attempts to continually improve the court report process to be an effective tool for our judges, the CASA office is striving for consistency in the appearance of our reports. If the look of your court report is somewhat different than you are used to, it is due to this effort.

Content and areas of concentration will not change, only the heading alignment may look different.

As the program continues to grow

and a greater number of court reports are being processed, it would be very helpful to CASA support staff and coordinators to receive court reports on disks. If at all possible, please consider the use of the disk provided by the office for your reports. The disks can be mailed to the CASA office, and will be returned upon completion of the court report, with a copy of the report included. Technology makes wonderful things possible. Of course, we are still happy to receive your reports in any form!

FYIs: Welcome Delaine Davis!

The CASA office would like to welcome **Delaine Davis** to the CASA team as the newest member of the Support Staff. Delaine has a background in manufacturing and is excited to begin a new endeavor with the CASA program.



Delaine Davis

You'll be hearing her voice on the phones as she helps you with your questions and concerns, reports and logs. Please welcome Delaine when you next call the CASA office!

Kudos

The **Foster Care Review Board** commended **Barbara Evans** and **Ralph Corson** for their continued dedication to the children on their cases:

From the Court

Commissioner Brian Rees thanked CASA **Lisa Clark** in court for her thorough report.

From LaDonna

Thank you, **Lisa Ngyugen**, who came into the office to assist in the preparation of the "OP SAT" packets.

Upcoming Events

July 10, 5:30 p.m.– 7 p.m.

CPS Overview Training
Southeast Facility – Mesa
Yucca Room

July 10, 6:30 p.m.

West Valley Peer Group Meeting*
Host: Donna Spence
Glendale Public Library

July 14, 12 p.m.–1:30 p.m.

Brown Bag Luncheon with
The Honorable Linda K. Scott
Southeast Facility – Mesa
The Yucca Room

July 16, 6:30 p.m.

North Central Phx Peer Group Mtg*
Host: Marcia Rysdon

July 16, 6:30 p.m.

East Valley Peer Group Meeting*
Hosts: Joe & Victoria Orlando

July 25 – 26, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Orientation Training Weekend
AZ Supreme Court Building

July 30, 1:30 p.m.

Scottsdale Peer Group Meeting*
Host: MaryLou Davis

July 31, 6 p.m.– 9 p.m.

Post Orientation Training
Durango – Room 223

August 9, time to be announced

JPO Tour & Training
Southeast Facility – Mesa
Limited to 20 participants
RSVP by July 25

August 13, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

CPS Abuse Investigations
Durango – Room 223

****Call the CASA office to confirm
date and time.***

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